

New Planning, Prevention and Assistance Unit Established

Over the years, DES has implemented a number of assistance programs in response to new laws or new initiatives. In consideration of a broader perspective of functions for which the DES Commissioner's Office is responsible, DES established the *Planning, Prevention and Assistance Unit* to consolidate the resources. This unit brings together programs and positions that provide technical and compliance assistance and environmental planning. The goal is to increase collaboration among the programs and staff and improve the effectiveness of our multi-media efforts.

The new unit is composed entirely of existing classified positions from all three divisions and the Commissioner's Office. The new unit includes the Pollution Prevention and Household Hazardous Waste Programs from the Waste Management Division, the Small Business Ombudsman and Small Business Technical Assistance Program from the Air Resources Division, the Occupational Safety and Health Consultation Service from the Commissioner's Office, and the Planning and Innovation Section, which joins staff from two divisions and the Commissioner's Office.

All the familiar faces and programs are still available here at DES. We hope to reach a wider audience with these changes and to explore new ways to serve the regulated community and the public.

Governor's Award for Pollution Prevention: Call for Entries

It's that time of year again. Applications for the Governor's Award are now being accepted. This award is a great opportunity to encourage staff and be recognized for your company's environmental efforts.

Winning projects have included chemical waste reduction/elimination, use of alternative fuels, energy use reductions, water reuse/recycling, and many others. Award winners have evaluated their company's processes and implemented changes that have not only reduced the company's environmental impact, but have also reduced costs.

For more information about the Governor's Award and how to apply, go to www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/GovAward/. You can also contact Marc Morgan at (603) 271-0878 or nhppp@des.state.nh.us.



P2 Training: Right on Targett

by David Bond, president of
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After attending the November DES Waste Management seminar that focused on pollution prevention and waste reduction, we reviewed our process and discovered that we could wet clean



nearly 40 percent of the articles that were coming into our business. This alone reduced the amount of dry cleaning we were doing by about one-third (approximately 100 pounds) less per month.

We were filling a 15-gallon drum of perc waste about every 25 days, which nudged us into the FQG (full quantity generator) status by three drums per year. We are now producing one drum of perc waste about every 40 days. This change alone will produce the desired result of changing our status to a SQG (small quantity generator).

For years, I had tried to come up with a way to further reduce my waste *after* I had produced it. This DES seminar focused on reducing my waste *before* I produced it and it is working. Changing our internal process was the answer.

This was the right thing for the environment and your seminar helped in getting to this realization.

New Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest

The new, six-part uniform hazardous waste manifest, established under the February 2005 rule (*Federal Register*/ Vol.70, No. 42), significantly changes the manifest form in order to reduce paperwork and save time and money. Changes to the new manifest include such updates as:

- Eliminating fields for the state transporter's ID, transporter's phone number, state facility ID.
- Requiring the phone number of the designated facility.
- Creating fields for the input of the generator's site address and emergency response phone number.
- Making Hazardous Waste Report Management Method Codes mandatory and the only acceptable handling code(s).
- Requiring the entry of RCRA Waste Code(s). No more than six RCRA Waste Codes can be entered and it is up to the user's discretion to assign the appropriate combination of federal and state codes.
- Requiring all quantities on the manifest to be entered as whole numbers.



As of September 2006, the standardized Uniform Hazardous Waste Manifest will be the only manifest acceptable for each hazardous waste handler and state to use.

All hazardous waste generators, including those located in New Hampshire, must obtain preprinted manifests from EPA registered printers/distributors that include a unique tracking number. The new form may not be used until September 1, 2006. To read more about the changes or access the Federal Register itself: www.epa.gov/epaoswer/hazwaste/gener/manifest/mods.htm.

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New Look for WasteLines

Across the country, P2 programs are switching to electronic newsletter formats to reduce paper and to save on printing costs. NHPPP is also making this transition with a paperless *WasteLines*. To receive *WasteLines* electronically, email us at nhppp@des.state.nh.us. We would also like to receive your topic ideas.

The Interns are Coming!

Summer is right around the corner. That means UNH students are looking for summer internship projects. Over the last ten summers, 46 New Hampshire companies worked with 73 UNH Chemical Engineering students on pollution prevention projects with two common goals: **to reduce or eliminate waste and save money!** Most companies have realized significant savings as a result of utilizing the internship program. To date, companies have reported combined cost savings of over \$2.8 million! For more information, go to the UNH Internship Program website at www.des.nh.gov/nhppp/nh01006.htm.



2005 P2 interns.

Upcoming Events

Earth Day: April 22, 2006

Hazardous Waste Coordinator (LQG) Training at DES, Concord: May 30

NH Businesses for Social Responsibility Conference, Bedford Sheraton Wayfarer: May 11

DES offices closed, Memorial Day: May 30

P2 Training, HW Coordinator Course (LQG), Portsmouth Urban Forestry Center: June 6

NH Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Lean Manufacturing Training: various dates and locations. Go to their website at www.nhmep.org for more information.



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